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## DPNR TO HOLD ANNUAL COMMERCIAL FISHER REGISTRATION

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Department will commence annual Commercial Fisher registration territory-wide from July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

"Last month we assisted over 100 fishers by providing information, sharing requirements, and starting the necessary steps to remain in compliance," Commissioner Oriol said. "Next week we look forward to helping our commercial fishers to complete the license renewal registration process."

The **St. Thomas/St. John** commercial fisher registration will be held at the lower-level auditorium of the Charles W. Turnbull Library, located just past Plaza Extra supermarket.

The **St. Croix** commercial fisher registration will be held at the Anna's Hope Division of Environmental Enforcement offices.

All commercial fishers are strongly encouraged to register during this period in their respective districts. Recommendations of the Virgin Islands Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control will be followed, and masks will be required for service.

For more information or to make an appointment for later in July, contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife in St. Thomas at 340-775-6762 and in St. Croix at 340-773-1082 or visit the website <a href="https://dpnr.vi.gov/fish-and-wildlife/">https://dpnr.vi.gov/fish-and-wildlife/</a> for the most up-to-date information.